GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION
LOK SABHA

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Rural Sanitary Marts
Mahajan Smt. Poonam

Will the Minister of DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government has shortlisted the States for the development of Rural Sanitary Mart (RSM) and Production Centres (PC) for higher penetration of sanitary materials;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the number of RSMs and PCsoperational in the country presently, State/UT-wise;

(d) whether the Union Government is planning to open more such RSMs and PCsin the rural areas in the future and if so, the details thereof; and

(e) whether private firms/companies have shown any interest for collaboration with Government for the development of these rural sanitary marts and production centres in the country, if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DRINKING WATER & SANITATION
(SHRI RAMESH CHANDAPPA JIGAJINAGI)

(a) to (b) Under Swachh Bharat Mission (Gramin), upto 5% of the district project outlay subject to a maximum of Rs. 1.5 crore can be used as revolving fund. Revolving Fund is meant for extending loans to Societies, Self Help Group or other groups for providing cheap finance to their member for the construction of toilets or for setting up of Rural Sanitary Marts/Production Centres. Loans from this fund are to be recovered in 12-18 installments.

(c) State/UT-wise, the number of RSMs and PCsestablished in the country is at Annexure-1.

(d) State Governments can establish RSMs and PCsin the rural areas as per requirement.

(e) No, Madam.